

READY TO SMASH AT ENTENTE

Teutons Plan Simultaneous Drives Against the West and in Italy

ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL DESPATCHES

Are Concentrating Troops Along the Entire Italian Line

Washington, March 9.—Italian official despatches yesterday, transmitting "reliable" despatches from Switzerland, say it is evident that "Central powers have completed their military preparations and that the beginning of the offensive against the entente is imminent." "Everything goes to indicate that the operations of Germany in France will be simultaneous with the offensive of Austria against Italy," say the despatches. "From the same sources it is learned that Austro-Hungarian troops have already been concentrating in very large numbers along the entire Italian line and that strong contingents are still moving to our front."

BRITAIN VOTES THREE BILLION MORE FOR WAR

This Makes Total Debt Since European Conflict Began \$34,210,000,000

London, March 9.—The House of Commons late Thursday night agreed unanimously to the vote of credit of \$3,000,000,000 moved Thursday by the chancellor of the exchequer, Andrew Bonar Law. This brings the total of the votes of credit during the war to \$34,210,000,000.

RUSSIA MAKES HOUSE LAUGH.

Resolution Congratulating People Upon Permanent Establishment of Democracy.


Washington, March 9.—A laugh went around the House this morning when the members began reading the daily calendar, for heading the list was a resolution extending the congratulations of the American Congress to the people of Russia upon their establishment of a permanent democracy. The resolution was reported nearly six months ago by the committee on foreign affairs. Since that time it has been slowly working its way to the head of the column. No bill or resolution can be considered until it is actually called up, and this particular resolution will "sleep forever and a day," or at least until there is a marked change in chaotic Russia.

BRYAN AND CHAPLIN LIBERTY LOAN SPEAKERS

Former Secretary of State and Two Moving-Picture Actors Booked by Washington Government.

Washington, March 9.—William Jennings Bryan, Charlie Chaplin and William S. Hart, another movie actor, were booked yesterday for Liberty loan speaking tours.

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If a cathartic is needed, as where there is biliousness or constipation, Hood's Pills should be taken. They are purely vegetable, do not irritate.—Adv.

INDUSTRIES GENERALLY SHOW GOOD INCREASES

Recovering Rapidly from Result of Fuel Shortages and Poor Transportation Conditions.

Washington, March 9.—Industrial and general business are reported recovering rapidly from results of winter fuel shortages and sluggish transportation in the federal reserve board's monthly summary. Business is concentrating on war orders and the production of non-essential goods is decreasing slowly.

Reports by districts as of Feb. 23 follow:

Boston—Business concentrating on war necessities; industries busy.

New York—Business improved. Bank clearings lower than at same time last year, money rates firmer.

Philadelphia—General business conditions good. Industries busy.

Cleveland—Business fair. Industries handicapped by lack of transportation.

Richmond—Business and industry active but limited by supplies and transportation.

Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Kansas City, Dallas and San Francisco—Industries and general business good.

MORE CORN AND WHEAT ON FARMS THAN IN 1917

Amount of Former 65 Per Cent Greater Than a Year Ago—Increase of Latter 11 Per Cent.

Washington, March 9.—Grain in farmers' hands on March 1, 1918, as announced yesterday by the department of agriculture, was:

Corn, 1,292,905,000 bushels, or 40.9 per cent of the 1917 crop.

Wheat, 1,112,272,000 bushels, or 17.1 per cent of the 1917 crop.

Oats, 595,195,000 bushels, or 37.5 per cent of the 1917 crop.

Barley, 43,404,000 bushels, or 20.8 per cent of the 1917 crop.

Much interest centered in the department's report yesterday announcing the amount of grain on farms, as the quantity of wheat in farmers' hands was expected to be much lower than in other years, in view of the pressing demand the food administration has exerted to send that cereal to the allies.

The figures show an increase of 11 per cent in wheat and 65 per cent in corn, not yet removed to primary markets, figuring from the amounts of 1916 crops on the farms March 1, 1917.

SPAULDING HELD FAST TO THE TIE

By Defeating Peoples Academy Stayed Even With Burlington

HOME TEAM CAGED BALL ALMOST AT WILL

Morrisville Players Were Mystified By Sharp Attack

Spaulding retained its place in a tie for the leadership of the state interscholastic league race with the Burlington high school basketball quintet last evening by defeating the strong Peoples academy team before an attendance which taxed the Spaulding gymnasium to its capacity, by the score of 60 to 19. The Peoples academy team had proved itself to be among the best in the state, having defeated both the Spaulding and Burlington teams, both of which are at present having a merry little contest over the league top position, but the Morrisville academy was completely outclassed last night by the local opponents, the latter team playing in true championship form.

The game was marked by a good exhibition of team work and passing by the winners, while that of the losing aggregation was for the great share of the time of poor quality, they being somewhat bewildered by the continuous barrage attack of the Spaulding team and they passed the ball into the latter team's hands almost continually.

The playing of the Spaulding guards, Morse and Carpenter, had a great deal to do with keeping the Peoples' academy end of the scoring at a low ebb, they playing a fast game in keeping the ball away from their basket. The playing of these two guards during the season has stamped them among the best guards in the state interscholastic teams, while the other members of the Spaulding team rank well up with those of the other teams.

The first period opened with Geals caging a basket in the first few minutes of play and during the remainder of this period the superiority of the Spaulding quintet became manifest, they caging baskets almost at will, the score at the end of the period being 20 to 9. The Spaulding team continued to increase its lead throughout the second period, having no difficulty in caging basket after basket. For the winners Mann was the high scorer, he caging 11 baskets from the floor, while his teammates, Geals and Lyon, closely followed him with eight each to the credit. For the losers Siloway did the bulk of the scoring, he shooting five baskets through the hoop, while Howard caged three. The line-up was as follows:

Spaulding.	Peoples.
Mann, f.	rg. Merritt
Lyon, f.	lg. Bouine
Geals, c.	lg. Newton
Morse, rg.	lf. Siloway
Carpenter, lg.	lf. Howard

Score, Spaulding 60, Peoples academy 19. Baskets from the floor, Mann 11, Geals 8, Lyon 8, Siloway 5, Howard 3, Carpenter 2, Morse, Newton; baskets from fouls, Newton; referee, Brown; timers, Young; Carpenter; time, two 20-minute periods; scorers, Carroll, Gates.

COLBY DEFEATED M. S. IN ROUGH GAME

Score Was 15 to 8 and Crowd at Montpelier Armory Saw Some Rather Harsh Playing in the Second Period.

Montpelier seminary played its last game of this basketball season Friday evening in the armory at Montpelier, losing to Colby academy of New London, N. H., by a score of 15 to 8. The first part of the game was as fine an exhibition of basketball as supporters of the teams could desire, but in the last part of the game it seemed to be a question of which could put in the rough work first, although it appeared to have originated with one of the seminary players, who drove Cole of the visitors into the seats on one side of the hall.

The game opened with Hatch making a basket from a nice long shot after a few minutes of play, which brought a good deal of applause from the spectators. It was a beauty. A few minutes afterward Crosson dropped the ball into the basket for his team and then the score saved back and forth, the period ending with Colby leading by a score of 6 to 3. Hatch made all of the points for his team in that period. Granaui was entirely outclassed by his man, which appeared to annoy him extremely. In the first period he had but few opportunities to try for baskets, while Hatch made some nice long shots, two of which were successful. Galloway made a long shot in the same period, getting the basket.

The second part of the game opened with more speed on the floor. The visitors did a lot of long passing which resulted in their losing the ball often than in the first period. As the time shortened towards the end of the game the feeling became tense and a few bad falls helped to aggravate the players, with the result that at one time the feeling was almost at fighting point. However, a few minutes' wait cooled affairs off and the game was finished. The Colby team pushed the home players harder than any other team has on this floor this year.

In this period Lance was the only home man who was able to land a basket, which he did in nice shape under a strong guard. Hatch threw a foul in the period. Laird, the fast Colby forward, who was unable to get a tally in the first period, landed a couple of baskets in the second period, one of which was a beauty from a long shot. Galloway repeated a long shot in the second period for the only basket that was for him in that period, while Crosson was able to add another when well guarded. The visitors were so much superior that they kept the home team on the defensive most of the time in the last period. The summary:

Colby.	Montpelier.
Laird, f.	lg. Granaui
McCoy, Campbell, f.	lf. Lance
Galloway, c.	lf. Hatch
Crosson, g.	lf. G. Johnson
Cole, g.	lf. G. Marr

Score, Colby 15, Montpelier seminary 8; baskets, Crosson 3, Galloway, Laird 2, Hatch 2, Lance; from fouls, McCoy; Hatch 2; referee, Cullen; timer, St. Mary; scorers, Moore; time, two 20-minute periods.

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AWARDS POLAR MEDAL TO LIEUT. SHACKLETON

Lieutenant Wild and 42 Other Members of Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition Share in Honor.

London, March 9.—King George has awarded the prized British polar medal to Lieut. Sir Ernest Shackleton, Lieut. Frank Wild and 42 other members of the imperial trans-Antarctic expedition of 1914-16. Lieut. Wild was in charge of the party which was left on Elephant Island for several months while Lieut. Shackleton sought relief.

ADVANCE ALIEN DRAFT TREATIES

The Senate Military Committee Orders Favorable Report.

Washington, March 9.—By unanimous vote a favorable report on the administration bill to give effect to alien draft treaties which may hereafter be negotiated, including those with Great Britain and Canada already signed, by authorizing the president to order registration of such aliens, was ordered yesterday by the Senate military committee.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Is Against Use of Tobacco.

Editor Barre Times: I have noticed some discussion, in your paper, as to the advisability of sending cigarettes to our boys in France; and I would like to state the view, which I believe, a large number of people, take on this question.

If the W. C. T. U. had enclosed cigarettes in the comfort bags sent the boys, they might think the organization had come to countenance their use and thus may boys become smokers.

I believe that the government ought to keep tobacco for sale near each camp where those accustomed to its use can readily get same, as many would not be contented without it.

Personally I am very much against smoking and feel as the bishop did who said that he could not see any reason why a man had any more right to pollute the air he had to breathe with tobacco smoke than he had to pollute the water he had to drink with tobacco juice.

As a partner of the Ward Lumber company I come in contact with conditions which show up the injurious effects of the tobacco habit.

I will mention the four which I think most important.

First, the effect on the mind, whereby a boy with a rational mind who would gladly give up his candy money to buy a dinner for a hungry child if the opportunity presented itself, will develop into a man who will spend his last cent for tobacco when his family lives in a shack and without adequate food.

I have yet to learn of a man who has given up his tobacco this winter, but in many a home the mother and children are practicing most rigid economy.

One very reliable boy, who has been at our state fort, where they have the most wholesome food, and later at Fort Oglethorpe tells me that often when the boys get out of money that they will beg the stubs from other boys and even pick up castaways.

Give us a "tag" is the pitiful cry of a cigarette fiend. His condition deserves the most careful consideration of serious people and he should receive sympathy and help from everyone.

Is it any wonder mothers feel as one I knew did, who, when she found that her boy was smoking, bought a nice pipe and sent it to him after she had christened it with tears.

Our asylums are crowded with inmates, some of whom I believe would not be there if it had not been for the excessive use of tobacco.

Secondly, I would mention physical injury as taught in our public schools.

As a third reason I would mention the pipe as a "treble."

Three large fires, within my knowledge, involving thousands of dollars loss were without question caused by the smoker.

A boy lighting a cigarette was given as the cause of the factory fire in New York, a few years ago, where over 125 persons lost their lives.

We occasionally read of most fatal explosions in mines which have been attributed to a miner chancing a smoke.

One Sunday morning, about a year ago, smoke was seen pouring up through our mill; on rushing downstairs we found fire in the sawdust where a smoker had been getting dust the night before. The fire was not near any box or machinery of any kind, nor could it have been caused by combustion, as the dust was green, which accounted for its slow progress.

At another time on going to our barn we found a bag on fire which a teamster, who was an habitual smoker, had carried in a few minutes before. This barn is so closely connected to other buildings that if it had burned it would undoubtedly have taken about one-third of the village, including church and schoolhouse, as big fires are hard to control in country towns.

I occasionally see men smoking in

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While they are pitching hay and also cleaning off horses which are bedded with straw.

We had difficulty in stopping one of our kindest caretakers from smoking in the barn, and his pipe was invariably bottom side up.

My fourth and last reason is the cost. One of the boys at the fort recently stated that his tobacco bill was \$7 a month. If he began smoking at the age of 18 and kept that up until he was 68 years old he would have spent a sum which, if placed at 6 per cent compound interest, would have amounted to \$25,784.98. At \$1 per month, which is very conservative, it would have amounted to \$3,683.57 for the same period. I dare say that time lost smoking would add \$1 a month, which would double the last amount stated.

I offered one boy \$50 if he would quit smoking until he was 21 and another \$25 if he would quit for a year, but I was too late with my offer, as the boys were in shambles.

I think they smoke first for the novelty and are soon bound to the habit. I have talked with many old smokers and everyone of them has told me it was a dirty, expensive habit.

I wish that I had the statistics available so I could state the number of acres planted to tobacco each year and could show how much food it ought to produce; also how much war work could be accomplished by the army of men engaged in the tobacco business.

Already buyers are after our maple sugar for tobacco, while in many of our homes we are getting along with a low grade brown sugar.

I believe the above are the principle reasons why many people are willing to give of their time and money to keep the number of new victims as low as possible and may the time speedily come when our good people will give the creditable newspapers such a backing that they will not have to accept any advertisements which will make any man's boy less of a man. Yours for the boys, Burton S. Ward.

Moretown, Vt.

TWO FRENCH SHIPS SUNK.

Vessels of Small Type Were Victims of Submarines Last Week.

Paris, March 9.—During the last week no French ships of more than 1000 tons were sunk by the enemy submarines or mines. Two vessels under that tonnage were lost. Four merchantmen were attacked unsuccessfully. During the week ending March 2, 865 merchantmen entered and 748 cleared from French ports.

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TEMPTING GERMAN SOLDIERS.

Mormon Missionaries Said to Be Working in the Army.

Amsterdam, March 9.—A notion that Mormon missionaries from America have been corrupting the German soldier and seeking to tempt him to desert is propagated by the Lutheran church consistory for the province of Pomerania, which according to the Kreuz Zeitung, has sent out the following circular letter to the local district clergy:

"We are given to understand by the authorities that various anti-war sects have arisen in eastern Prussia which make it their business to induce soldiers to desert and which furnish deserters with opportunities to hide from the law. One of these sects calls itself variously the 'New Adventists' or 'War Adventists.' They believe that Holy Writ commands them to assist those who object to military service."

Mormons also have wrought similar evil, so that an American anti-war propaganda would seem to be at work. We urgently ask our reverend brethren to keep diligent watch and advise us promptly of any signs pointing to such baneful activities in their parishes."

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